



Col. Casey Rogers and Pvt. 2 Jewels Changkaipo, 9th MSC, participate in the traditional cake-cutting ceremony to honor the birth of the Army Reserves.

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FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Soldiers and civilians across Oahu celebrated the 109th U.S. Army Reserve birthday at the 9th Mission Support Command Assembly Hall, here, recently.

The event was jointly hosted by three reserve commands: Army Reserve Engagement Cell, 311th Signal Command (Theater) and 9th Mission Support Command. The one-star generals from each organization spoke during the celebration.

“I am very proud in the direction we are headed and very proud of our brothers- and sisters-in-arms who I serve with,” said Brig. Gen. Douglas Anderson, deputy commanding general of the Army Reserve and director of Army Reserve Engagement Cell, U.S. Army-Pacific.

The Army Reserve was founded on April 23, 1908, when Congress authorized the Army to establish a Medical Reserve Corps. This corps eventually became what the Army Reserve is today.

Over the years, Reserve Soldiers have

participated in every major military campaign, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism.

“We trained hard. We have citizen Soldiers who dedicated their lives, their time and their family efforts to being the best they could be,” said Brig. Gen. Lawrence F. Thoms, commanding general of the 311th Signal Command (Theater).

The oldest and youngest Reserve Soldiers out of all three organizations took part in the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Col. Casey Rogers and Pvt. 2 Jewels Changkaipo of 9th MSC cut the cake in remembrance of the birth of the Army Reserves.

The first piece of cake was presented to the guest of honor, P. Pasha Baker, the Army Reserve Ambassador to Hawaii. The second piece was presented to Rogers, signifying the honor and respect according to experience and seniority.

Rogers then passed a piece of cake to Changkaipo as a symbolic representation of the 109 years experienced Soldiers



Brig. Gen. Curda, commanding general, 9th MSC, presents the first piece of cake to P. Pasha Baker, Army Reserve Ambassador to Hawaii.

have spent nurturing young Soldiers to refill the ranks and renew the organization.

“The U.S. Army is the team of teams providing opportunities to live a challenging life of service commitment and

dedication to a greater cause than one’s self,” said Brig. Gen. Stephen Curda, commanding general of the 9th MSC. “With our all outstanding Army Reserve units across this vast region, we support and live our motto.”

U.S. Army Pacific hosts G-8 synchronization conference

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FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army-Pacific held its first annual G-8 synchronization conference on April 19-20.

Financial managers came together to develop strategies to resource the force and to set conditions for success across the Pacific.

The two-day event laid out a mutual understanding of USARPAC priorities and provided an update of Army resource enterprise programs and discussions on planning for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

“If we’re not getting the most out of every dollar for readiness, I can’t look those parents in the eye and say I’ve done everything for their sons and daughters,” said Gen. Robert B. Brown, commanding general, USARPAC.

Kicking off the synch conference was a detailed USARPAC command brief and open discussion on how to visualize requirements and resource objectives pertaining to multi-domain battle.

“The conference was an excellent opportunity to work together face-to-face,” said Shar Kaina, G-8, USARPAC. “It



USARPAC Gen. Robert B. Brown, commanding general, welcomes resource management participants during opening remarks at the USARPAC G-8 synchronization conference, April 20-21, at Fort Shafter.

allowed representatives to understand command challenges and strengths, fostering an improved team approach.”

Contrary to typical “death by PowerPoint,” three breakout sessions encouraged two-way dialogue on specialized areas like support

agreements, the service contract process, integration of resources to support command priorities and preparing staff evaluation reports.

Participants also had the opportunity to brief their command’s critical priorities as they posture for the upcoming fiscal

year, allowing supporting commands to ask questions and clarify requirements.

“With world changes and evolving issues, mission requirements have changed” said Mak Araghi, U.S. Army Japan, G-8 director. “The landscape has changed dramatically, and we must be ready to be adaptive and flexible.”

The exchange of ideas allowed frank and open discussion on current and future issues to develop partnerships necessary to build a stronger USARPAC resource management strategy to posture the Pacific Theater for success to face any eventuality or crisis.

“We are all one team and set each other up for success,” said Col. Karen Hanson, deputy director, G-8, USARPAC. “If one of us fights tonight, we all fight tonight.”

Attending the conference were representatives from Headquarters Department of the Army, Army Financial Management & Comptroller, National Defense University, 25th Infantry Division, 8th Army, U.S. Armed Forces Korea, U.S. Army Japan, U.S. Army Alaska, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and 9th Mission Support Command.

Army to conduct Schofield prescribed burn beginning May 15

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Army officials are taking action against brushfires by conducting a prescribed burn of the Schofield Barracks training range complex this month.

The Army’s specialized Wildland Fire Division is scheduled to begin the prescribed burn May 15, provided environmental conditions such as wind, temperature and fuel moisture are within the regulatory parameters.

“We anticipate completing the burn in approximately five to seven days; however, we won’t burn May 18 to 20, in consideration of local graduation ceremonies,” said Chief Chuck Gibbs, Fire Division chief, Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

Safety is the Army’s No. 1 priority, and the prescribed burn will improve safety by removing highly flammable guinea grass and other vegetation on the range. If left unchecked, these grasses become large

fuel sources for wildfires that can be difficult and costly to contain and threaten area resources.

“Prescribed burns make a big difference when it comes to preventing brushfire outbreaks on our training ranges,” said Justin Turnbo, fire management officer, Wildland Fire Division, USAG-HI. “They help reduce the number of brushfires by upwards of 70 percent over the year.”

The Army has spent months preparing for the burn. These preparations include coordinating with the Hawaii State Department of Health’s Clean Air Branch and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure all state, federal and Army requirements are met.

Army staff will closely monitor humidity, wind and the level of concentration of natural fuel in the burn areas in an effort to minimize smoke and ash.

“We appreciate everyone’s understanding and will take every precaution to lessen potential impacts on our neighbors,” Turnbo said.

“Throughout the burn, we’ll be using smoke modeling software to detect direction and amount of smoke produced and make adjustments as necessary,” he added.

Multiple personnel and assets from the Army are supporting the prescribed burn. These include firefighters, aviators, engineers, range and safety officers, natural and cultural resources specialists, explosive ordnance disposal personnel and law enforcement personnel.

All burn operations will take place during daylight hours, and Army Wildland firefighters will remain on site each night to monitor the area. The Federal Fire Department will also be on standby for the duration of the burn.

Point of Contact
Community members can call the Army’s Public Affairs office at 656-3160 or 656-3159 to report smoke concerns or questions.



Photo by Stefanie Gutierrez, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Public Affairs

Firefighters with USAG-HI’s specialized Wildland Fire Division place signage prior to the 2016 prescribed burn.



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All must secure their motorcycles, bicycles

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Legal Assistance Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Motorcycle and bicycle theft is common on the island, and crime is everywhere on the island – even on post.

You are the first line of defense in protecting your property. Locking handlebars, locking the wheels together or locking the safety mechanism on your bike provides some protection. The best protection is using a chain and lock to secure your bike to a permanent fixture.

Most parking lots in front of barracks provide some type of post or other immovable object to chain and lock your bike. If there isn't one provided, consider parking in a parking stall with a light pole or other permanent fixture that can be used to secure your bike.

In addition to the lock and chain, you should also consider purchasing comprehensive insurance coverage. Ask

your insurance representative questions to ensure you're covered in the event of theft or vandalism as the government has a maximum amount allowable per incident of loss on post.

If you have the unfortunate experience of having your motorcycle or bicycle stolen, start by filing an incident report with the Provost Marshal Office. For motorcycle loss or vandalism, you must first file a claim against your private insurance company. If you do not have comprehensive coverage or if your insurance company does not cover the entire loss, you may then file a claim against the government.

Gather all the information you have on the motorcycle, i.e., your bill of sale, registration paperwork, license plate information, and any other documentation proving ownership. At that point, the Schofield Barracks Claims Office is available to answer questions and provide assistance with the claims process.

Army Regulation 27-20 and DA Pam 27-162 guidance prevent payment of an on-post theft claim when the claimant is negligent. If you did not have a lock and chain securing your motorcycle or bicycle to an immovable object, the Army will likely not pay your claim, or may only pay a portion of the amount claimed due to your negligence in not properly securing your motorcycle or bicycle.

Save yourself panic and unnecessary heartache by using a lock and chain to secure your motorcycle or bike to an immovable object and obtain comprehensive insurance coverage on your motorcycle in case theft or vandalism occurs.

(Editor's note: Rogers is the chief of Claims.)

Point of Contact
Call the Schofield Barracks Claims Office at (808) 655-9279 with questions or for further assistance.

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE



Photos by Staff Sgt. Armando R. Limon, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — At left, infantrymen assigned to the 25th Infantry Division practice low crawling at the direct fire lane at Area X-ray, here, April 19.

More than 800 Soldiers will attempt to earn the Expert Infantry man Badge this month. The awards ceremony will announce who triumphs.

Below — Staff Sgt. Joshua Kendrick learns proper loading and clearing procedures of an MK 19 machine grenade launcher during EIB training at Area X-ray, April 19.



Left — Pfc. Joshua Rowe (at left), an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, locates an unknown point on a map during EIB training at Area X-ray, April 17.



Health officials issue warning on rat lungworm disease

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HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health is stressing that locally grown produce is safe to eat, despite an uptick in reports of rat lungworm disease in the state.

“(Just) remember to wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly no matter where they come from,” said Janice Okubo, the state Health Department’s public information officer.

The state Health Department has confirmed that as of April 28, it was investigating 13 cases of rat lungworm disease on Maui and the Big Island.

Seven of the cases this year occurred on the Big Island and involved residents of that island, and six occurred on Maui. Two of the Maui cases involved visiting tourists, and the remaining four involved residents.

Additionally, the Health Department is investigating four probable cases of the disease on the Big Island. In those cases, the individuals likely became infected after drinking homemade kava that had been left outside in uncovered buckets, according to the DOH. The individuals noticed a slug at the bottom of one of the bowls after they had consumed the kava.

“The department is continuing to monitor this serious illness spread to individuals through infected snails and slugs,” said the state Health Department’s director, Dr. Virginia Pressler. “Cases like this recent cluster are especially concerning because they can be prevented with basic

precautions such as storing food in covered containers and properly inspecting and washing food before eating.”

Commissary produce inspected

Brad McMinn, director of the Schofield Barracks Commissary, confirmed that all of the produce there is inspected by the supplier and by the state health inspector.

“Just make sure you wash all of your fruits and vegetables and use common sense when buying produce from roadside vendors and at farmers markets,” he added.

The Army’s Public Health Activity Command-Hawaii confirmed that its food inspectors check the commissary’s produce upon receipt and again before it is placed on shelves for shoppers. Unprocessed fresh fruit and vegetables are currently exempt from the commissary, and the commissary’s supplier of produce only buys from reputable commercial farms.

What it is

Rat lungworm disease is an infection caused by a parasitic roundworm found in rats. It is spread to humans through snails and slugs that come into contact with infected rat feces and then contaminate produce and water that is consumed by humans. Humans infected with rat lungworm disease may contract eosinophilic meningitis, which can lead to permanent brain and nerve damage or even death.

The symptoms

- Severe headaches.

- Stiffness in the neck.
- Fever.
- Tingling or pain on the skin or extremities.

Because symptoms may vary, seek medical attention if you believe you may have been infected.

How to protect yourself

- When cooking snails and prawns, boil them for at least 5 minutes.
- If you grow fruits and vegetables in a home garden, try to eliminate rodents and slugs from the vicinity.
- Wash fruit and vegetables thoroughly before eating them.
- Wash your hands before handling food.
- If you buy fruits and vegetables directly from a farm or vendor at a farmers market, inquire about practices the farm/vendor has in place to avoid contamination.

Resources

For more details, contact the below:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/angiostrongylus/index.html>.
- Hawaii State Department of Health at health.hawaii.gov.
- University of Hawaii’s College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/FST-35.pdf>.



Voices of Ohana

Because May 12 is Military Spouse Day, we wondered, What do you appreciate most about military spouses?
By 599th Transportation Brigade



“Individually, collectively and brilliantly, so our spouses are the very foundation ... that unleashes our nation’s military might.”

Navy Cdr. John Clark
Director of Ops
599th Trans. Bde.



“They take care of so much with very little reciprocation or even appreciation sometimes.”

Capt. Christopher Enyart
Projects officer
599th Trans. Bde.



“Their strength to maintain the household and family while you’re deployed. I was deployed five times and never had to worry.”

Randey Hayes
Safety officer
599th Trans. Bde.



“My husband was always so supportive. He steps up and cares for the family without ever complaining. I am grateful for his support.”

Christine Perez-Carian
Traffic management specialist
599th Trans. Bde.



“The most important is the support she provides to me and our family. You can’t put a price on that.”

Col. James Smith
Commander
599th Trans. Bde.

Personnel, community will be heard through ICE

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SAN ANTONIO — The Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, system is a web-based tool that allows users to recognize great service, point out a concern, or make a recommendation about Department of Defense (DoD) organizations.

Installation Management Command customers make up over 55 percent of the entire DoD ICE mission, with a total of more than nearly 4.2 million comments overall.

“It’s not surprising when you consider IMCOM manages more than 70 installations worldwide, and is the proponent for all Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs throughout the Army,” said IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl.

“It puts a burden on our service provider managers, but it’s well worth the effort because of the information it provides us as decision makers,” Dahl said.

ICE is IMCOM’s primary means of receiving feedback directly from its customers. ICE empowers customers to make a difference in how IMCOM delivers products and services, by offering recommendations and bringing up issues. Customer comments are a critical component in helping the command prioritize and refocus installation services and support to meet changing requirements.

“All IMCOM service provider managers are required to review and follow-up on every comment, regardless of whether the customer asks for a response or not,” said Russell Matthias, ICE program administrator for IMCOM.

In the last year, IMCOM responded

to over 409,000 customer comments in ICE. Over 362,000 of those customers responded that they were satisfied with their product or service, which is a 93 percent overall customer satisfaction rate. Of those that had a complaint and provided contact information, IMCOM responded to 81 percent in three days or less.

Though it’s not required, Matthias highly encourages customers provide their contact information when submitting a comment card through ICE, so program managers can provide immediate feedback.

“We want to hear it, good or bad,” Matthias said. “It’s the only way we get better at what we do. And if the customer provides contact information, we can respond directly to them with an answer, to either make it right, or even have a discussion about ways to improve.”

In many cases, an ICE comment begins an ongoing interaction that lasts until the problem is resolved. One ICE customer wrote to the command after receiving assistance through the program to send appreciation for how the complaint was handled.

“(ICE) made sure I got to the correct people to assist me in my situation,” the customer wrote. “They did research and spoke to leadership to help me. I wish I knew about this office sooner.”

Matthias said the majority of ICE customers leave anonymous comments, which is still helpful, but frustrating to the service or program managers at the installation level.

“They can make it right for the next person ... but I think most managers would prefer to be able to let the customer know their voice made a difference,” Mat-



Photo by Tim Hipps, Installation Management Command

thias said.

It also limits how ICE can help. Contact information maximizes the opportunity to assist the customer, which often turns a negative experience into a positive interaction.

“Not only did she assist me over the phone, but she took the time to follow-up,” one customer said. “She went above and beyond and provided me with a direct line for assistance. A million thank you’s from the bottom of my heart.”

Managers appreciate the opportunity to make things right, Matthias said.

ICE is available to every IMCOM customer using IMCOM services – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen (active duty, Guard and Reserve), their families, as well as veterans, retirees and civilian employees.

As our resources are stretched thin by budget and manpower constraints, it’s


important we focus our energies on providing the best possible customer service,” Dahl said. “ICE helps us do that, but (also lets) us know what we’re doing well, and what needs improvement.”

Dahl encourages every IMCOM customer to make use of the program.

“By sharing your honest feedback, together we can work to improve service delivery and achieve IMCOM’s goal of providing world class customer service,” he said.

“Just as importantly, ICE is a good indication of what programs mean the most to the customers,” Dahl said, “which is important data in an operating environment with limited resources.”

ICE
Access ICE at <http://ice.disa.mil/> to let your voice be heard.



Civilians urged to complete survey to gauge perceptions

U.S. ARMY CIVILIAN WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION
News Release

In early May, the window for the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, or FEVS, will open. This survey is of crucial importance – not only to the Army, but also to your command, installation and unit.

FEVS is an annual survey that measures employees’ perceptions of whether, and to what extent, conditions that characterize successful organizations are present in their agency. The survey results provide valuable insight for agency leaders into the strengths and challenges of the agency in ensuring it has an effective civilian workforce.

The survey is issued by the Office of Personnel Management and contains

multiple choice responses. The survey itself takes only 20 minutes to complete, but provides Army leadership with a tremendous amount of insight into the culture and environment of its civilian workforce.

“I encourage every Army employee who receives notification about FEVS to take the survey,” said Sue Engelhardt, acting deputy assistant secretary of the Army for civilian personnel. “FEVS provides a crucial insight for the Army to share what we are doing right and what we can improve on.”

The FEVS is not just used for senior Army leaders. Results are reported to leaders at all levels down to the unit level. This is great for leaders and employees because it allows decision makers across

the Army to see how their specific organization is doing, and they can influence change within their own organization.

The survey respondents will remain completely anonymous.

“Engaging employees is the biggest part of this whole survey,” said Mario Rodriguez, Information Assurance security officer. “As an employee, I appreciate it. I like knowing that people want to know what I think about my job and whether I am going to stay and whether I am happy.”


The President’s Management Agenda set a goal for all federal agencies to have 67 percent positive responses to the Employee Engagement Index. In 2016, the Army scored 64.3 percent. With everyone’s help and participation, this number will increase as we continue to focus on

the importance of creating a culture of engagement across our Army.

“Army employees do great and amazing things on a daily basis,” said Engelhardt. “Army leaders want to hear from you, so we can continue to make this organization and institution even stronger.”

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey is just one of many avenues that the Army fosters engagement with its employees.

Survey Location
For more engagement opportunities, visit (CAC Enabled) <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/employee-engagement>.



25th ID holds SHARP summit to educate NCOs about the program

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division sexual assault response coordinator, or SARC, assembled a panel of sexual assault experts at the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, April 18, to help educate noncommissioned officers of the division.

The panel included experts from every corner of the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention world.

“I have the sexual assault forensics examiner, Criminal Investigation Division agent, a special victims counselor, behavioral health, a chaplain, Inspector General’s office, and the special victims prosecutor,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Durkee, the division SARC.

“The division put this panel of experts here to engage our NCOs in the division to help answer questions about what the SHARP program is and what these experts do in the program,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lanestra Jackson, the 25th Sustainment Brigade SARC.

“This is a SHARP panel I put together to show Soldiers there is more than just a SARC or a victim advocate involved in the program,” said Durkee. “I wanted to put a face with the name for all of these other services and resources that are part of the program.”

The division SHARP team also came prepared to help and assist with anyone affected by the sensitive topics that would be discussed.

“A lot of times when we have a SHARP event, someone will come forward and

say they’ve been sexually assaulted,” said Durkee, “so we always put members of the SHARP team to the left and right, in case they want to talk to someone or file a report.”

“We’re on standby,” said Jackson. “A lot of times when we put on these events, there could be something that triggers a Soldier or a family member when these stories are being told. We’re here just in case someone is triggered, and they need someone to talk to.”

An issue that was discussed at length and has become a large issue in the military as a whole is social media and how it can relate to sexual assault prevention.

“One of the biggest issues recently has been social media, posting inappropriate things,” said Durkee. “Soldiers are

assuming they can post whatever they want and not understanding the repercussions for that.”

Investigations can be required for reports made about an individual’s social media account, even if the content was not shared publicly, Durkee continued. It can result in UCMJ and courts-martial.

Everything from the groups they are in, to the posts on their wall, are subject to the same standards of discipline as the rest of their lives in the Army.

“We wouldn’t be having this type of conference and these types of panels if we didn’t have a problem in our formations with sexual assault,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Brzak, 25th ID senior enlisted adviser. “That’s why we’re here, it is not acceptable in our Army, and we will do everything we can to eliminate it.”

Knowlton recognizes jt/intel professionalism

MAJ. ROBERT. G. DELEON
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICK-AM — Seven deserving professionals from different headquarters in the Pacific theater were presented the Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton Medal for their significant support and contributions to the Military Intelligence Corps during a ceremony sponsored by the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Intelligence (G2) Directorate at the Ka Makani Community Center, here, April 19.

Brig. Gen. Sean A. Gainey, commander, 94th AAMDC, presided over the presentation of the Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton Award to six outstanding military and civilian intelligence professionals and one air defense artillery officer who all made critical contributions to the intelligence community specifically as it relates to the ballistic missile threats in the Pacific region.

During his address, Gainey touched upon the importance of intelligence in the joint environment. This is the first time a general officer has presided over the 94th AAMDC Knowlton Award Ceremony.

“I am very impressed by the qualities embodied by the awardees and the flawless conduct of the ceremony,” said Gainey. “Anytime we can highlight the high standards of integrity, moral char-

Awardees
These personnel received the Knowlton Medal:

Capt. Heriberto R. Hernandez, assistant operations chief, G2, 94th AAMDC.

Staff Sergeant Shiheem E. Kelly, operations noncommissioned officer, G2, 94th AAMDC.

Valerie T. Makino, lead Korea branch analyst, Northeast Asia division, PACOM Joint Intelligence Operations Center.

Kevin McGinnis, principal ballistic missile intelligence analyst, ISRDC, 613th AOC, PACAF.

Maj. Chad M. Neibert, AOC officer in charge, 94th AAMDC.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael S. Parrett, intelligence production chief, G2, 94th AAMDC.

Tech. Sgt. Mark D. Reddington, space/ballistic missile branch NCO-IC, ISR, HQ, PACAF.

acter and professional competence of individuals, it is a great honor to personally recognize them in a public forum.”

The MI Corps Association (MICA) established the Knowlton Award in June 1995. Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton, the father of Military Intelligence, who served

under Gen. George Washington, created and led a group of intelligence gatherers known as the Knowlton Rangers. They made significant contributions to the war effort during the American Revolution. As such, these awardees are recognized for making significant contributions during their careers to the MI Corps.

The ceremony is highlighted by the lighting of five candles reflecting upon the legacy of the MI Corps. Col. Bruce A. Stephens, director of Intelligence, 94th AAMDC, and his staff, conducted the solemn and unique candlelighting ceremony.

Family members, friends, colleagues and key leaders from the U.S. Pacific Command, Pacific Air Forces and 94th AAMDC attended the ceremony. Distinguished attendees included Col. Thomas Dobbs, director, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), Headquarters, and Col. Robert Morse, chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Directorate (ISRDC), 613th Air Operations Center (AOC), PACAF, who were the first Knowlton awardees from PACAF and who were recognized by the 94th AAMDC in November 2016.

Gainey and Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Foley, senior enlisted adviser, 94th AAMDC presented the Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton Award to the recipients.

“It was an excellent venue and cer-

emony to recognize the hard work and dedication of the intelligence community, not only in the U.S. Army, but also in the joint force,” shared Foley, when asked about the conduct of the ceremony.

Some of the awardees were surprised by the nomination and expressed their gratitude.

Valerie T. Makino, lead Korea branch analyst, Northeast Asia division, USPACOM Joint Intelligence Operations Center, said that she was truly “humbled for getting the award. It’s an honor and privilege to be recognized with the Knowlton.”

This is the third iteration of the 94th AAMDC Knowlton Award Ceremony, which is an initiative started by the 94th AAMDC director of Intelligence (G2). The idea is to recognize the intelligence professionals in the USPACOM area of operations by holding a unique event featuring the distinctive candlelighting ceremony of MICA.

“We wanted to acknowledge the great work that has been done amongst our Army, joint and interagency partners in the intelligence community, specifically relating to the ballistic missile threat in our AOR,” said Stephens when discussing the significance of the ceremony.

(Editor’s note: Deleon is the chief of Operations, Intelligence (G2) Directorate at 94th AAMDC.)

Pacific engineers take on 11th Annual Best Sapper Competition

Story and photo by
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FORT SHAFTER — Described as a condensed 50-hour version of the original 28-day Sapper Leader Course, the Best Sapper Competition tests teams’ mastery of engineer skills.

Covering more than 50 miles in 50 hours, competitors waged through 35 technical, tactical, then physically demanding events.

The 11th Annual Best Sapper Competition was held April 23-28 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, sponsored two teams for this year’s marathon of an event, with the team of 1st Lt. Jacob Davel & 2nd Lt. Christopher Morhardt coming in 4th out of 48 teams.

Here’s a little more about the Sappers selected to represent us this year:

Team 25: 1st Lt. Jacob Davel & 2nd Lt. Christopher Morhardt
-Name: 1st Lt. Jacob Davel.
Hometown: Port Washington, Wisconsin.
MOS/Branch: 12A (Engineer Officer).
Position: Executive Officer, 561st Eng. Construction Co., 84th Eng. Bn.

Why Compete in Best Sapper? “I’ve wanted to compete since I graduated Sapper School in 2015, but because of deployments, the timing hasn’t worked out. It is a great honor and privilege to represent the unit and compete against classmates and our previous instructors.”

Thoughts on train-up to the competition: “I don’t think there is anyone who has an advantage over anyone else. We know that there will be some Sapper instructors and seasoned noncommissioned officers in the competition, but we use this as a fire to push us further and harder and show we are a force to be reckoned with.”

-Name: 2nd Lt. Christopher Morhardt.
Hometown: Lindenhurst, New York.
MOS/Branch: 12A (Engineer Officer).
Position: S3, Current Operations, 84th



The 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, Best Sapper Team of 1st Lt. Jacob Davel & 2nd Lt. Christopher Morhardt place 4th out of 48 teams.

Eng. Bn.

Why Compete in Best Sapper: “We both wanted the opportunity to see where we stand in the nation, see if we are the best Sappers and continue to train on the tasks learned in the school to enhance the units’ capabilities.”

Thoughts on the train-up to the competition: “The train-up was really used as a gauge of personalities and capabilities at first to see who would work best with each other. Our coaches and trainers did an excellent job of narrowing down the individuals who tried out and making the best teams possible. Also, I think the climate in Hawaii gives us an advantage by training in hot, muggy conditions.”

Team 26: 2nd Lt. Nolan Kirk & Spc. Drake Davis.
-Name: 2nd Lt. Nolan Kirk.
Hometown: Tucson, Arizona.
MOS/Branch: 12A (Engineer Officer).
Position: S3, Current Operations, 84th Eng. Bn.

Why Compete in Best Sapper: “As the most recent graduate of Sapper School within the brigade, I wasn’t enthusiastic about going at first. I don’t know if I’d even regained the feeling in my fingers from the school, but after working with Spc. Davis, I’m excited to represent Hawaii with our red clay stained shirts and showcase our capabilities back at Fort Leonard Wood.”

Thoughts on the train-up to the competition: “I think the greatest thing that came out of the train-up was the bond I built with Spc. Davis as competent and confident partner. I’ve gained confidence in how we complement each other; we’ve learned each other’s strengths and weaknesses and know how to maximize that to our advantage.”

-Name: Spc. Drake Davis.

Hometown: Montague, Michigan.
MOS/Branch: 12N (Horizontal Construction Engineer).
Position: Heavy Equipment Operator, 561st Eng. Construction Co., 84th Eng. Bn.

Why Compete in Best Sapper: “I wanted to show everyone what we are capable of doing. Even with the limited training space that comes with being in the middle of an ocean, I know we will represent from the battalion to U.S. Army-Pacific well.”

Thoughts on the train-up to the competition: “I think the train up has prepared us for anything we will face in Fort Leonard Wood. There is only so much you can do to train-up for any event, but I think it really comes down to what you have inside you – the drive to compete above everyone else and complete the events presented.”

‘Dragon Fire’ SMEs share expertise w/UH ROTC

Story and photo by
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HONOLULU — Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear, or CBRN, subject matter experts from the 71st Chemical Company, “Dragon Fire,” 303rd Ordnance Disposal Battalion (EOD), 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, shared their CBRN expertise with University of Hawaii at Manoa Army ROTC cadets, here, April 19.

After receiving lessons on the basic components of the M50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask and the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST), as well as hands-on demonstrations, the UH ROTC cadets tested their own CBRN skills as they each attempted to properly don and clear the M50 mask.

Similar to the cowboys of the Old West with their pistol belts strapped to their waists, four cadets stand side by side before their classmates. With their M50 masks tucked away inside the carriers and secured snugly to their outer thighs, the cadets anxiously await for the signal.

“Gas! Gas! Gas!”

Quickly, the cadets begin to go through the 11 steps of donning and clearing their masks in the standard nine seconds allowed. However, in their rush they miss some of the steps, and sadly, the first four cadets fail. Begrudgingly, the first group of cadets hand off the masks to the next four



CBRN’s Spc. Jordan Williams (left), a subject matter expert with the 71st Chemical Co., 303rd OD Bn. (EOD), 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, helps a UH Army ROTC cadet with his Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit, April 19.

competitors, who eagerly step forward for their turn.

Once the CBRN class has concluded, the UH ROTC cadets offered their feedback during an after action review (AAR).

The cadets commented that having the hands-on training and competition was great, and it made remembering the material easier.

However, the cadets were not the only ones to enjoy the class. Having a passion

for his work and being able to reach out to the community to share his expertise, Pvt. Evan Darmody, a CBRN Soldier and one of the instructors for the class, said he was happy to have the opportunity to pass on some of his knowledge to the cadets.

“I get the reward of being able to teach the future leaders of our Army a very integral part of what they are going to have to do when they have to lead troops in the future,” said Darmody.

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com

5 / Friday Scholarships — Find out about the Green to Gold and ROTC Hip Pocket Scholarships. Go to the Cadet Command website at www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted_soldiers.jsp. Apply to the school and contact that

6 / Saturday Small Business Fair — The IRS is co-hosting the Hawaii Small Business Fair, “Launch Your Dreams into Reality,” a free one-day event featuring numerous workshops and exhibits with participating vendors from federal, state and local

agencies, May 6 from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Leeward Community College. Registration began April 6.

“This day of free workshops and exhibits is perfect for those thinking of starting a new business or expanding their current one,” said IRS spokesman David Tucker II. “The IRS is proud to be partnering with so many great organizations.”

The college located at 96-045 Ala Ike Road, Pearl City. Free parking is available. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested. Call

945-1430 or 694-8332.

Starting a Business — Have you ever wanted to own your own business but didn’t know how to get started? Well, the Waipahu Community Association will be offering classes that will teach people how to plan and operate a small business.

Classes will be held at the Waipahu Community Association, 94-340 Waipahu Depot Street, #201 (upstairs from Waipahu Festival Marketplace). Classes will run

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Advisories from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources. Provides traffic, construction and outage information.

(Note: Times and locations of outages are a best guess. Field conditions may extend the locations and time needed.)

6 / Saturday Fort Shafter Electrical Outage — Buildings 220, 223, 230 and 252 will be

out of service, May 6, from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., to perform electrical power line maintenance.

Schofield Barracks Power Outage — All work centers on Lyman Road, left and right side, from the gate to Hewitt Street (including Burger King/Popeye’s) will experience a power outage on May 6 from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to perform electrical upgrades.

10 / Wednesday WAAF Water Outage

See TRAFFIC A-9

Lightning Support increases its capabilities

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division recently increased its ability to respond to contingency operations throughout the Pacific – thanks to the hard work of the 25th Composite Truck Company (CTC), 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 25th Sustainment Brigade.

By replacing civilian movement contracts, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC) has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars for future reallocation towards other priorities.

Within the last year, the 25th CTC has developed a unique relationship with 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) that improved its standard operating procedures and simultaneously accomplished U.S. Army Hawaii (USAR-HAW) support missions faster and more cost effectively than the former contracted option.

The relationship between 25th CTC and 402nd AFSB highlights the importance of sustainment inter-unit relationship building and integrated logistics capabilities. In the last year, the combined sustainment forces have showcased their abilities, expediting live ammo transportation missions throughout the Division.

“We’re happy to help our partners at



Soldiers from the 25th Composite Truck Company, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 25th Sustainment Brigade, load pallets of ammunition onto M1075 Palletized Loading Systems for delivery from West Loch to Lualualei, Hawaii.

the 402nd AFSB while simultaneously conducting valuable training for our Soldiers, as well as increasing the readiness of our Division and our Joint Partners across the Pacific AOR,” said Capt. James Toomey, commander of the 25th CTC. “This mission allows us to hone our technical skills as transporters while having a tangible positive impact on strategic level operations throughout the region.”

The 402nd Support Operations sec-

tion coordinated with the 25th Sust. Bde. for transportation assets from 25th CTC to facilitate the movement of 1,289 ammo pallets in February 2016. The estimated contract solution would have taken over nine months; however, 25th CTC accomplished the mission in an astounding three weeks.

This first mission served as a trial run; yet, its success forged a relationship between the two units and the standards

for future missions.

Col. Anthony McQueen, the 402nd AFSB commander, publicly recognized each individual Soldier who participated in the mission, illustrating its importance. The 402nd AFSB and 25th CTC have worked together two more times, transporting 861 pallets in October 2016 and 540 in March 2017, totaling 2,690 pallets of various ammunitions, saving the Army over \$470,000.

The 25th CTC executed the mission utilizing the M1075 Palletized Loading Systems (PLS), typically providing a 10-vehicle package, capable of being tailored for specific requirements. The missions require a 40-mile round trip from West Loch Naval Pier to Lualualei (LLL) Naval Magazine, which entails movement over busy highways crowded with civilian traffic.

Recognition was given to the 25th CTC for its outstanding driver safety with missions totaling over 600 hours of driving on civilian roads with hazardous materials. Yet, despite all the risks, 25th CTC has had zero incidents.

25th CTC remains ready to support the 402nd AFSB, the Tropic Lightning Division, and USARPAC to enable higher levels of readiness throughout the Pacific Region.

(Editor’s note: Rojas works in 25th CTC, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 25th Sust. Bde., 25th ID.)

NEWS BRIEFS

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from May 6-27 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. The following are dates and topics of the business start-up classes: May 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Cost for the four-session course is \$20. Deadline to register is May 5. To register, call (808) 677-6939 or email at wca.waipahu@hawaiiantel.net.

15 / Monday

Prescribed Burn — Army officials are taking action against brushfires by conducting a prescribed burn of the Schofield Barracks training range complex in May. Its specialized Wildland Fire Division is scheduled to begin the prescribed burn May 15, provided environmental conditions such as wind, temperature and fuel

moisture are within the regulatory parameters.

No burn will take place May 18-20, in consideration of local graduation ceremonies.

Safety is the Army’s No. 1 priority, and the prescribed burn will improve safety by removing highly flammable guinea grass and other vegetation on the range.

All burn operations will take place during daylight hours, and Wildland firefighters will remain on site each night to monitor the area. The Federal Fire Department will also be on standby for the duration of the burn.

Community members can call the Public Affairs Office at 656-3160 or 656-3159 to report smoke concerns or questions.

17 / Wednesday

Education Fair — Attend the next Edu-

cation Fair at the Schofield Barracks Education Center, Bldg. 560 Lobby Area, Yano Hall, 1565 Kolekole Ave., on Wednesday, May 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Several colleges will be participating.

Fellows — The next U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Fellows Program begins May 17. Garrison employees who are GS07 to GS11, NAF and WG equivalent can attend and expand their skills, knowledge and abilities. Call James Brown at 656-0880 for more details.

25 / Thursday

UH ROTC — Do you want to become an Army officer? The University of Hawaii conducts briefings on the last Thursday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tripler Army Medical Center Education Center. This is a great opportunity for Soldiers to get firsthand information

on ROTC scholarships and how the program operates. For more details call William Roach at 956-7766 or David Sullivan at 956-7744.

26 / Friday

GOC — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will observe its Garrison Organization Celebration, May 26, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the Stoneman Sports Complex, Schofield Barracks. Most programs and services provided by USAG-HI will be closed that day.

29 / Monday

Memorial Day — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will hold its annual Installation Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, May 29, at 10 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. The public is invited to join in honoring veterans who served and died in defense of our country.

Amputee overcomes odds to ‘get the job done’

Story and photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The military is a very physical and demanding occupation, and Soldiers who choose to continue to serve after a combat-related injury can face overwhelming odds.

Such was the day March 15, 2005, when a young sergeant in the U.S. Army deployed in Baghdad, Iraq, met up with his team and briefed them on their daily mission.

After conducting their pre-combat checks and inspections like numerous times before, they loaded their vehicles and departed their Forward Operating Base.

Approximately 30 minutes later, their convoy of vehicles was engulfed in smoke and dust. The gunner was left unconscious and the young sergeant experienced a short surreal silence amidst the crowded streets of Baghdad.

Staff Sgt. Justin Hollenbach is now a provost marshal sergeant assigned to 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and he is an amputee who decided to continue to serve his country after receiving a life-changing injury after his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device, or IED.

“When our convoy was hit, I didn’t know I was injured,” said Hollenbach. “I was more worried about my Soldiers and ensuring they were safe.”

Everyone survived that day due to quick thinking, courage and genuine camaraderie that develops during a combat deployment.

Facing a year of intensive rehabilitation training at Brook Army Medical Center and a series of tests to convince the Army to retain him in his current military



Staff Sgt. Justin Hollenbach (left), a provost marshal sergeant, explains physical security requirements to Sgt. Manuel Rodriguez, a unit armor. Both are assigned to HHC, 2IBCT, 25th ID, on Schofield Barracks.

occupational specialty, Hollenbach overcame the odds.

“I decided to stay in since the Army took really good care of me when I was in the hospital,” he said. “I wanted to give back and teach others, so what happened to me doesn’t happen to others.”

According to Hollenbach, having a positive attitude is the major factor when adjusting to a new situation or facing a life-changing injury.

“When I first got to rehab and met with other amputees, it was all about joking with each other about the injuries,” he said. “Laughter was the best medicine when we were getting used to a life-changing injury and learning how to adjust to a new situation.”

Leaders who have worked alongside

Hollenbach describe his work ethic and military experience unmatched.

“Hollenbach has the character and work ethic equal or better than some of the best noncommissioned officers I’ve worked with in the Military Police Corps,” said Capt. Derrick Lytle, an MP provost marshal assigned to 2IBCT. “He uses his institutional knowledge, vast experience and resources to provide expertise and guidance to all battalions and brigade staff. In all aspects of his position, he wants to be where the unit needs him and doesn’t let his leaders’ concerns or training conditions limit him from being effective due to his injury.”

Some of Hollenbach’s accomplishments since his injury are completion of three phases of Noncommissioned Offi-

cers Professional Development Courses, the Army Basic Instructor Course, the Evasive Driver Course, the Antiterrorism Course, Drug Abuse Resistance Education Instructor Course, the Police Bike/Boat Certification, and the Gang Resistance Education and Training Instructor Course.

For Hollenbach, being an amputee doesn’t bring limitations; it allows him to show everyone that there are other ways of doing things.

“I (believe) that I have inspired some Soldiers, since they don’t want to be outdone by a one-legged guy,” he said. “I don’t really have limitations in my mind. I just have to try everything and find out how to do it differently, so I get the job done.”

TRAFFIC & OUTAGES

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— Housing areas Sargeant Loop, Wili Wili and Stover on Wheeler Army Airfield will experience a water outage on May 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to install improvements for better control of the water system in the area.

11 / Thursday

SB Carpenter Street — A road closure will occur on Schofield Barracks’ Menoher and McMahon roads between the dates of May 11-18, from 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. The additional work is for repair of AC paving at Carpenter Street. Cones and flag personnel will be on site for this work, and traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to walk around work area.

There will be holiday work activities.

12 / Friday

Clark Road, Fort Shafter — A southbound road closure will occur at Clark Road near Bldgs. 334 & 339 for roofing replacement and storm sewer installation. Southbound traffic will be diverted to Montgomery Drive, May 12- July 31, from Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-4 p.m.

16 / Tuesday

Aliamanu Drive — A lane closure and contraflow will take place on Aliamanu Drive, between Rim Loop and Valley View Loop, on Aliamanu Military Reservation, for utility locating work on behalf of the Directorate of Public Works. The work will be performed from May 16-June 16, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



U.S. Army Hawaii leaders recognize the community’s volunteers at an annual awards ceremony and luncheon at the Nehelani Conference & Banquet Center, Friday.

USARHAW honors volunteers

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — U.S. Army Hawaii leaders recognized the community’s volunteers at an annual awards ceremony and luncheon at the Nehelani Conference & Banquet Center, Friday.

Those who received awards at the 2017 U.S. Army Hawaii Volunteer Recognition Ceremony represented just a fraction of the volunteers who help the Army in Hawaii fulfill its mission, said Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commander of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii.

“The people we recognized today really stood out, but volunteering is so much more than just getting the award at the end,” he said, “so we want to start by thanking all of the volunteers who didn’t get recognized today as well. Your contributions are immeasurable.”

Measuring value

It was estimated that the community’s nearly 600 registered volunteers had “paid” the Army in Hawaii \$1,843,540.42 through the donation of about 76,000 hours of their time and energy, but Cavoli said money is not the full measure of what volunteers do for the community.

“The value of volunteer service is what you ladies and gentlemen do for our community, a community that can’t be a community unless people are involved in the community, unless people contribute to the community and unless people take time from themselves to give to others,” he said. “Those of you 592 registered volunteers who do this methodically and deliberately and purposefully for our community, there’s not really a way to thank you for that. There’s certainly not a way to measure it in dollars.

His words resonated with the volunteers.

“It’s not about money. I just knew I wanted to be of service to other women, especially military



Photo courtesy of Directorate of Family and Morale, Recreation and Welfare

Volunteers of the U.S. Army Hawaii community are honored at the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Nehelani Banquet & Conference Center, April 28.

spouses because military spouses already have so much stress to deal with on top of taking care of their children,” said Crystal Landis, a volunteer for the Moms of Preschoolers program, which is run through U.S. Army Hawaii’s Integrated Religious Support Office and the 25th Infantry Division’s unit ministry teams. The program gives parents of young children a place to gather for support and fellowship.

Landis received a Na Koa Award, which is reserved for volunteers whom USARHAW considers its best, for her volunteer work with the MOPs program.

Chaplain (Col.) Steve Peck said the USARHAW chaplains, like ministers everywhere, depend on volunteers like Landis to keep their programs running.

“We cannot do what we do without them,” he

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(From left to right) Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commander of the 25th ID and USARHAW; Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Brzak of the 25th ID and USARHAW; Col. Stephen Dawson, commander of USAG-HI; Mary Ann Scott, coordinator of the awards ceremony; and Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa Piette-Edwards of USAG-HI, display a check illustrating the \$1,843,540.42 volunteers “paid” USARHAW through their volunteer work in 2017.

‘Service for Life’



Photo by Christine Cabalo, Oahu Publications

Na Koa Award spotlight Designated drivers

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — When Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commander of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii, thanked volunteers at the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 28, he made a point to single out Spc. Matthew Von Stetten, president of the Oahu Chapter of the Drunk Driving Prevention Program.

The DDPP is a national nonprofit run by volunteers. It offers designated driver services to Soldiers, family members and DOD civilians who are intoxicated.

“As your commander, I can’t tell you how much time and effort and heartache Spc. Von Stetten must have saved me by taking our off-duty Soldiers home,” Cavoli told those gathered at the ceremony.

Von Stetten said he was honored by Cavoli’s unexpected acknowledgement.

“I’m not sure I was making as big an impact, but I guess I did without realizing it,” he said.

He said volunteering for DDPP provided him with a mission: to be a role model to other Soldiers and keep them from making bad decisions that could ruin their careers or even their lives.

He was inspired to volunteer after serving on the funeral detail of a young Soldier who had been killed by a drunken driver in 2015. The Soldier was a newlywed who had been returning from leave with his bride when the collision occurred.

Von Statten said he remembered standing in front of the church at the funeral and absorbing the pain and suffering of the Soldier’s friends and relatives. He signed up for DDPP shortly after.

“Every ride is potentially a life saved,” he said.

How it works

Callers contact the program’s dispatch line at 888-7407 or use the program’s free app, which notifies volunteers who pick up drivers anywhere on Oahu between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Callers must provide their license plate numbers and their DOD identifications, and sign a liability waiver.

Volunteers confirm whether the caller’s vehicle is standard or automatic. If the caller has a motorcycle, there are volunteers on call who can ride the bikes back.

The service is free for Soldiers, family members and DOD civilians. It is confidential, and Soldiers who use the service will not be reported to their chain of command.

Why it matters

When a Soldier is arrested for driving under the influence off post in Hawaii, it is reported to the military police, and the Soldier’s chain of command is notified. Individuals could have their driving privileges revoked, and Soldiers could compromise their chances of promotion.

Even more important than careers are the lives at stake. One in three traffic deaths in the United States involve a drunk driver, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Get involved

Those who use DDPP’s services are encouraged to volunteer as a way to pay it forward. To volunteer for DDPP or the many other Army programs, visit the Volunteer Management Information System at myarmyonesource.com and click on “Volunteer Tools.”

Hours compiled in VMIS carry over when Soldiers, family members and DOD civilians move posts.

Briefs

5 / Friday

Nagorski Pro Shop Mother's Day Special — Visit FS Nagorski Pro Shop through May 14 and receive 30 percent off ladies apparel, 30 percent off straw sunhats, and 20 percent off all ladies clubs, to include special orders (custom fitting available). Call 438-9587.

Kindergarten Registration — Now open at all public schools. If your child will be 5 years old by July 31, 2017, register him or her for kindergarten. Call 655-8326.

The Mediterranean — Enjoy fresh ingredients off FS Hale Ikena's May featured salad at the salad bar to build your very own salad weekdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 438-1974.

FRG Leader Training — Learn about the Soldier/FRG and how to effectively run the organization as well as challenges FRG's face at the Nehelani. Call 655-4227.

Acing the Interview — Prepare to answer the tough interview questions and practice with a mock interview at SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Command Scramble — Shotgun format begins at noon, Leilehua Golf Course. The \$50 fee includes 18 hole green fee, cart fee, free driving range balls, door prizes, flight prizes, pupus and two mulligans.**Music on the Lawn** — Call 655-4653.

Survivor Outreach Services Friday Fitness with Friends — SOS activities include yoga, group walks and other opportunities. Location will be based on the activity. Meet at the SB SOS Center. Call 655-4227.

ACT Deadline — Registration for June ACT ends today. Call 655-8326.

6 / Saturday

Cinco de Mayo Poker & Pool Tournament — Held at SB Tropics Recreation Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Also enjoy a \$5 Taco Bar. Call 655-5698.

8 / Monday

Employment Orientation — New to the island and looking for employment? This class at the SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. outlines employment opportunities on Oahu. Learn about Spousal Preference and the Priority Placement Program for Spouses

GENERAL'S LOOP TONIGHT

THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION PRESENTS

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ON THE LAWN

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF JAZZ AND ROCK MUSIC ON THE GENERAL'S LAWN

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May 5th, 2017 | 5-7pm
General's Loop
Schofield Barracks, HI

Graphic courtesy of 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Go to the General's Loop, tonight, from 5 to 7 p.m., to enjoy an evening of jazz and rock music with Music on the Lawn. This 25th Infantry Division event is open to the U.S. Army Hawaii community, including DOD ID cardholders and families. Just bring a picnic dinner and a comfortable seat.

(PPP-S) seeking federal employment. Also offered is information on civilian sector opportunities, contractors, resume writing classes, career fairs and opportunities to further your career and education. Call 655-4227 to register.

Million Dollar Soldier Refresher — This training provides Soldiers with valuable financial tools at SB ACS from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Topics include saving, credit, investing and big purchases. Call 655-4227 to register.

Stress Solutions — Identify the causes of stress, noon-1 p.m., as well as how it affects our lives. Learn techniques such as positive self-talk, how to not take things personally and a variety of relaxation techniques. Call SB ACS at 655-4227.

9 / Tuesday

10 Steps to a Federal Job — Held at SB ACS from 9 a.m.-noon. Walk through the steps to create an effective targeted federal resume and successfully manage the application process. To sign up, call 655-4227.

10 / Wednesday

ACS Open House — Join SB ACS from 1:30-3:30 p.m. for fun, games, activities and prizes while promoting summer safety. Call 655-4227.

Play Mornings at ACS — Meet other moms and dads, share information and parenting tips, and give your infant/toddler a chance to interact with other children at the SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Intramural Volleyball League Application Deadline — Season runs May 22-June 22. Applications may be dropped off at any MWR Army Fitness Center. Call 655-9914.

11 / Thursday

Block Party at the Studio — This block party at SB library is for children 1½-5 years old, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and for school-aged children from 3-4 p.m. It will help children use their imagination to create with Lego and wooden blocks. Limited to 15 children, and preregistration is required. Call 655-8002.

Basics of Budgeting — Learn to develop a budget, track expenses and create a system to save and pay your bills on time in this course held at SB ACS from 10-11:30 p.m. Bring a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement and a list of bills. Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

FRG Foundations Training — Prerequisite course held at SB Nehelani from 10 a.m.-noon for commanders, FRG leaders, family readiness liaisons and FRG volunteers. Learn the Family Readiness System and operations. Call 655-4227.

12 / Friday

Parenting 101 — Take your parenting to the next level. Discover current “best practices” and learn tips and tools to assist you in reaching your parenting goals at the SB ACS from noon-1 p.m. Call 655-4227 to register.

Resume Workshop — Learn how to create a resume for the first time or update your resume for a private sector from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at SB ACS. Choose the best format to demonstrate your experience and skills. Target your resume to the job you are seeking and effectively summarize your accomplishments. To register, call 655-4227.

Family Child Care New Applicant Brief — Interested in running your own child care business? Come to the new applicant brief from 9-11 a.m. at the SB FCC Office at 730 Leilehua Ave., Bldg. 645. Call 655-8373.

Solomon Elementary Spring Carnival — SB Solomon Elementary hosts from 3-6 p.m. Call 655-0747.

Fish Fry Day — Enjoy shrimp, two kinds of fish, calamari, hush puppies and crab at FS Hale Ikena from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for \$17.95. Call 438-1974.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day — Enjoy a free entry into the R.I.P.P.E.D. fitness class starting at 8:30 a.m. at SB Health & Fitness Center. All military spouses are welcomed. Just show a valid military dependent ID card to the front desk attendant. Call 655-8007.

Movies on the Lawn featuring Moana — Held at SB Stoneman Field starting at 6 p.m. Movie will start at 7:30 p.m. Wear your favorite Polynesian accessories and enjoy pre-movie games and crafts. Come early to set up your blankets and chairs. Outside picnic coolers are welcome; food available for purchase. No glass or

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5 / Friday

Cinco de Mayo Cultural Block Party — Honolulu's downtown Chinatown celebrates and connects all the dances, music, folklore and cuisine of Latin America and Mexico, 6-10 p.m., along Nuuanu Street. Visit www.cantinacrawlhawaii.com.

Islandwide Spring Crafts & Food Expo — Three day annual event begins Friday at 4 p.m. and ends Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, featuring 200 of Hawaii's top artisans and food vendors. Kapena entertains Friday at 6 p.m. and Melveen Leed Sunday at noon. Visit www.islandwidecraftexpos.com/spring/index.php.

6 / Saturday

SB Kolekole Walking-Hiking Trail — The trail is closed this weekend, May 6-7, due to live-fire training.

2017 Hawaii Book & Music Festival — Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, on the

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

grounds of Honolulu Hale. Free admission and parking. More than 500 presenters and 150 events. Programs run in eight simultaneous venues, in tent pavilions and on stages, national and local best-selling authors, interactive music performances, children's activities, food and more.

Also seeking volunteers to assist in various roles. Visit www.hawaiibookandmusicfestival.com.

Wahiawa Pineapple Festival — The sweetness of Wahiawa takes place May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Wahiawa District Park on California Avenue. Admission is free.

The day begins with a parade at 9 a.m., followed by cultural and educational booths, an exciting array of food booths, the 2017 festival T-shirt, a country store, vendors, handcrafters, thrilling entertainment and keiki activities. Visit www.wahiahistoricalsoc.com.

Body Mind Spirit Expo 2017 — The best advances in alternative health and the nations finest selections of psychics and mediums are featured at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall Saturday and Sunday with ex-

hibits and presentations as part of a nationwide tour. Visit www.bmse.net/bmseweb/index.php.

Shen Yun Performing Arts — Evoking themes of virtues, compassion and courage, Shen Yun leaves audiences uplifted and inspired, with three performances Saturday and Sunday at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Visit Sheyun.com.

Waimea Valley Moon Walks — The moon was a symbolic celestial body for Native Hawaiians. Mahina's (the moon) phases often determined Hawaiian practices, such as when to plant crops. Waimea Valley, which houses an impressive botanical garden, honors Mahina and its significance to Hawaiian culture through seven planned Moon Walks continuing on Saturday, May 6.

Upcoming moon walks are also scheduled for June 8, July 6, Aug. 5, Sept. 4 and Oct. 1. Visit www.waimeavalley.net.

7 / Sunday

Duke Kahanamoku Beach Challenge — The 32nd annual Duke draws both locals and visitors for an exciting day of team canoe races, stand up paddle races and kayak races at Duke's lagoon and beach fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach

Resort, with an 8:55 a.m. Hawaiian opening ceremony.

Free seating on the Great Lawn is open, but limited. For details or to sign up a team, visit the host sponsor's site at www.waikikicommunitycenter.com.

13 / Saturday

Hawaii Pet Expo 2017 — The Hawaii Pet Expo 2017 is Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Neal S. Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. The expo features educational displays, live animal demonstrations and the latest in pet products and services.

16 / Tuesday

Hui 'O Na Wahine — The Schofield Barracks Thrift Store will be closed for the final luncheon of the season. Cost is \$20, cash only, as the Hui concludes it's 85th season. Reserved seating can be purchased at the SB Thrift Store during regular hours, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

17 / Wednesday

VA 2K Walk and Roll — Annual walk and festival at the TAMC Acute Care Clinic, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., of approximately 1.2 miles, encourages people to get active. It also allows participants to support homeless veterans through voluntary donations of food and clothing items. Visit www.hawaii.va.gov.

This Week at the MOVIES
Sgt. Smith Theater

Going in Style (PG-13)

Friday, May 5, 7 p.m.

King Arthur: The Legend of the Sword (PG-13)

Saturday, May 6, 5 p.m.

Boss Baby (PG)

Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m.

Closed Monday through Thursday.

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA BCT: Brigade Combat Team CDC: Child Development Center CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program FCC: Family Child Care FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation FRG: Family Readiness Group FS: Fort Shafter HMR: Helemano Military Reservation IPC: Island Palm Communities PFC: Physical Fitness Center SAC: School Age Center SB: Schofield Barracks	SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield
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Cadets march, get recognized at Palm Circle

Oahu JROTC organizations from all services perform

1ST. LT. EMILY KLINKENBORG
311th Signal Command (Theater) Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Cadets fell into formation for the JROTC Review and Award Ceremony on historic Palm Circle, here, April 27.

The Military Affairs liaison, Thomas Kahalu Lee Jr., attended the ceremony to speak on behalf of Hawaii Gov. David Ige.

Lee, a veteran of both the Navy ('95-'99) and the Army ('02-'08), was appointed as the Military Affairs liaison last September.

Brig. Gen. Doug Anderson, U.S. Army-Pacific deputy commanding general, Army Reserve/Army Reserve Engagement Cell director, also spoke at the ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the cadets and their respective JROTC programs.

The JROTC organizations included the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force across Oahu.

The Native Hawaiian Veterans' JROTC Kina'ole Award was presented to 21 recipients. This award celebrates and honors top cadets from each JROTC school in the state of Hawaii.

The concept of Kina'ole can be best described as "flawlessness," and this award as befitting to one who has done the right thing, in the right way, the first time.



Cadets stand in formation during the JROTC Review and Award Ceremony at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle.



Gov. David Ige's military liaison, Thomas Kahalu Lee Jr., presents a JROTC cadet with a Kina'ole Award during the JROTC Award Ceremony. Standing beside him are Dr. Ray Jardine from Native Hawaiian Veterans; Suzanne Mulcahy, State of Hawaii Department of Education; and Brig. Gen. Doug Anderson, USARPAC DCG, USAR/AREC director.



Brig. Gen. Doug Anderson, USARPAC DCG, USAR/AREC director, reviews JROTC cadets' formations.

Sometimes sportsmanship ‘bests’ winning

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Deputy Command Chaplain-Support
Integrated Religious Support Office
U.S. Army Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — This week, 15 Unit Ministry Teams from 25th Infantry Division and U. S. Army Hawaii competed in the Best UMT Competition.

Chaplains and chaplain assistants gave it their all over three days of competition that focused on testing Chaplain Corps and Soldier skills. Competitions such as these are a good time to reflect on the role of competitiveness in our lives.

Vince Lombardi famously said, “Winning isn’t everything. It’s the only thing.” General Patton similarly said he wouldn’t give a “hoot in hell for a man who lost and laughed.” While these quotes may motivate us from time to time, there is probably something that thinks they are slightly unbalanced when applied to all of life.

Sportsmanship prevails
Consider the story of Ivan Anaya. He is a Spanish runner who was competing in a cross country race a few years ago.

Anaya was trailing Abel Mutai, a Kenyan Olympic medalist, by quite a bit when they approached the finish line. But as Mutai passed the cheering crowd in the chute, he stopped short of the finish line thinking he had already



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crossed. Anaya quickly closed the distance on the Kenyan. But instead of exploiting the mistake, Anaya guided Mutai with gestures across the finish line ensuring that he would come in second.

If winning were the “only thing,” then Anaya would have been crazy to not get across the finish line first. Yet, most of us applaud his gesture of sportsmanship.

Knowing that he could not have won on his own merits, Anaya said, “I have earned more of a name having done what I did than if I had won. And that is very important, because today, with the way things are in all circles, in soccer, in society, in politics, where it seems anything goes, a gesture of honesty goes down well.”

But there is a tension in all of this. People generally do better when we keep score. I purposely enter races solely because I train harder and am more disciplined when I know I will be competing.

The ancient sage Paul of Tarsus said this: “Each one should test their own



actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.”

So, maybe it is not competitiveness that is the issue, but where our focus lies. When the competition is against ourselves, then sportsmanship is much easier.

As I watched Unit Ministry Teams come across the finish line of the final foot march, I saw this level of competitiveness and sportsmanship show through. Some were pushing themselves to the limits, while some others held back, risking that others would think they are less fit, in order to encourage another member of their team to the finish.

Using Ivan Anaya’s thoughts, “What is the name that you are earning as it relates to competition?” And what are you teaching others?

Volunteer: It’s about people

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said.

Hui O Na Wahine President Brittany Flather received four awards: one on behalf of her efforts with the Hui, another for being the Civilian Volunteer of the Year, a third (shared with her husband) for Family Volunteer of the Year, and a Na Koa Award.

Her husband, Maj. William Flather of U.S. Army Pacific’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, received the Family Volunteer of the Year award

and an award for his efforts with Boy Scouts Pack 166.

The Flathers said they volunteered to give back to organizations that had shaped them. William Flather participated in Boy Scouts as a youth and Brittany Flather was drawn to Hui O Na Wahine’s mission to raise money for scholarships because she made it through nursing school with financial help from scholarships.

In turn, volunteering helped them forge meaningful connections in their community.

“Volunteering is a direct way to get roots in the community,” Brittany Flather said, adding that getting involved is a means to making friends and staving off feelings of isolation at a new post.

“Start small,” she added. “We didn’t end up here overnight. We started by just showing up and helping set up tables at events, then slowly took on more responsibilities over time.”

“You don’t have to jump in and do everything,” William Flather agreed. “Just do what you can because it’s not about you. It’s about the people you’re volunteering for.”

Become a Volunteer
For more information on becoming a USARHAW volunteer, call the Army Volunteer Program at 655-4227 or visit <https://Hawaii.armymwr.com> and search for “Army Volunteer Program.”





Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/rso/USARHAW%20Chapel%20Services.pdf>.

AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Last Wednesday, 6 p.m. at MPC

Catholic Mass
•Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel
•Thursday, 11:45 a.m. at AMR
•Wednesday, 5 p.m. at MPC
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC
•Sunday services:
-8:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:30 a.m. at MPC
-11 a.m. at TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic
•Friday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR
(Call 477-7647)

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH
(Call 473-3971)

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
-9 a.m. at MPC (Contemporary)
-9 a.m. at FD
-9 a.m. at TAMC
-10 a.m. at HMR (Contemporary)
-10:30 a.m. at AMR (Contemporary)
-11 a.m. at WAAF (Contemporary)

O2M3 recognizes military medicine excellence

WILLIAM SALLETT
Tripler Army Medical Center

HONOLULU — For the military medical community, there are fewer accolades higher than being inducted into The Order of Military Medical Merit, or O2M3.

The Order of Military Medical Merit is a unique, private organization, founded by the commanding general of U.S. Army Health Services Command in April 1982 that recognizes excellence and promotes fellowship and esprit de corps among Army Medical Department (AMEDD) personnel.

Membership in the Order recognizes those individuals who have clearly demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served in the AMEDD (for a minimum of 10 years) with selflessness, and have made sustained contributions to the betterment of Army Medicine.

The O2M3 shows distinguished service that is recognized by the senior leadership of the AMEDD. Members are given a certificate and a handsome medallion that signifies to all they meet that they are members of the Order. You will see members proudly display their medallions at formal AMEDD social functions.

In the 35 years since the award was created, only 11,508 AMEDD personnel have been granted membership and more than 40 of them are current staff members at Tripler Army Medical Center.

“For seasoned AMEDD officers, warrant officers, NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and civilians, being inducted into the Order signifies more than what is written in awards and evaluations. It signifies that the indi-



Courtesy of Tripler Army Medical Center

1st Sgt. Zuilaika Winder, Alpha Company first sergeant, is inducted into The Order of Military Medical Merit, Feb. 15, in the Keiser Auditorium at Tripler Army Medical Center.

vidual is highly regarded by their superiors, peers and subordinates alike and that they have made a lasting contribution to the legacy of the Army Medical Department,” said retired Col. Lisa Brown, O2M3 administrator.

There is a Hawaii Chapter of O2M3 recipients, and it conducts an annual dinner where members gather to build comradery, reflect on the challenges facing the active duty force and recognize the newest recipients and present them with their medallions.

Co-chaired by Jim Ingebredtsen,

the TAMC deputy provost marshal, and retired Lt. Col. Doug Miller, former chief of the Tripler Patient Administration Division, the Hawaii Chapter of O2M3 is the only organization of its kind within the AMEDD whose membership includes active duty military (from all units on Oahu), Department of the Army civilians and the local AMEDD retiree population.

“For 10 years, some of the most accomplished AMEDD folks on island have joined the annual dinner for

friendship and to introduce spouses to a fun and enlightened evening of caroling and laughter,” said Ingebredtsen. “It’s a wonderful gathering of the AMEDD family. The next dinner will be Dec. 5th.”

More Online
For more information on The Order of Military Medical Merit, visit <http://ameddregiment.amedd.army.mil/merit/o2m3.html>.

WOMH serves West side families

Kapolei medical home clinic offers extensive range of services for patrons

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — One of the main goals at Tripler Army Medical Center is to provide high quality, safe, patient-centered care to all beneficiaries.

The Warrior Ohana Medical Home in west Oahu is making that care more accessible.

Positioned in Kapolei, WOMH is one of only 21 community-based medical home clinics in the U.S. It offers patients a closer-to-home option for medical services.

Along with its full scope of family medicine, on site pharmacy, lab and immunization clinic, it has expanded its services to include adult physical therapy, pediatric occupational therapy and tele-behavioral health options.

Family members, retirees under 64 and a small number of military personnel from all services are able to take advantage of the services provided at the WOMH in Kapolei.

With such a small population, retirees and their families and service member families always have priority. This also means that there are many more appointment slots available and shorter lines at the two-window pharmacy.

“Being able to be seen by your provider in a timely manner is one of our top priority’s here,” said Capt. Matthew Holmes, WOMH deputy commander. “Very often, we are able to make appointments the next day or possibly even the same day our patients call.”

There are some services that are unavailable at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home. When this occurs, the clinic’s licensed practical nurse care coordinators will work with patients to set up specialty appointments and other care that is referred by their primary care manager. Clinic staff will also book follow-up appointments and procedures, similar to referrals done by other big medical centers throughout Hawaii.

“We will go the extra mile to ensure that when patients need care, they get it from their own health care team – the doctors and nurses who know them and their families,” said Holmes. “We encourage that continuous relationship, because medical research tells us that patients with access to a personal health care team are healthier.”



A military retiree has blood drawn at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home lab. The WOMH offers full scope family medicine, an on-site pharmacy, lab, immunizations, behavioral health, physical therapy, pediatric occupational and physical therapy, and tele-behavioral health.




Photos courtesy of Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

The Warrior Ohana Medical Home is located in West Oahu.



About Tripler
The attack on Pearl Harbor led to the construction of Tripler Army Medical Center. For four years following the 1941 attack, the patient population at Tripler General Hospital at Fort Shafter remained at approximately 2,000. Today, Tripler Army Medical Center is the only federal tertiary care hospital in the Pacific Basin. It supports 264,000 local active duty and retired military personnel, their families, and veteran beneficiaries. In addition, the referral population includes 171,000 military personnel, family members, veteran beneficiaries, residents of nine U.S. affiliated jurisdictions (American Samoa, Guam, and the former Trust Territories), and forward-deployed forces in more than 40 countries throughout the Pacific. (Courtesy photo)

TAMC Nurses Week


Nurses Week is coming! Join us in thanking a nurse this Nurses Week, which is May 6-12.

This year’s theme is “Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit.”

We appreciate our nurses every day, but Nurses Week is a great opportunity to take the time to celebrate.

For more information on Nurses Week, contact the information desk at 433-6661.



Courtesy photo



The Warrior Transition Battalion Female Group paddles hard to the finish line in one of a dozen races, Aug. 22, 2016, at the Na Koa Wounded Warrior Canoe Regatta.

Photo courtesy of RJ-Kaleidoscope Photography

Wounded Warriors Transition Battalion supports healing

WILLIAM SALLETT
Tripler Army Medical Center

HONOLULU — The Warrior Transition Battalion, or WTB, was created to provide personal support to wounded Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management.

The WTB closely resembles an Army “line” unit, with a professional chain of command and the integrated Army process that builds on the Army’s strength of unit cohesion and teamwork, so wounded Soldiers can focus on healing and transition back to the Army or to civilian status.

The Tripler Army Medical Center WTB completed 10 years of service in March, and the Soldiers at the WTB have one mission: to heal. Each Soldier in transition works with a primary care manager (normally a physician), nurse case manager, social worker and squad leader who coordinate their care with other clinical and non-clinical professionals.

Personalized goals
All Soldiers develop a Comprehensive Transition Plan with personalized goals that allows them and their families to move forward toward life post-injury. To complete the mission of healing and transition, the Soldier in transition is responsible for attending all medical and non-medical appointments with professionals, such as primary care managers, nurse case managers, social workers, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

The TAMC WTB services approximately 70 Soldiers each month, and since January of 2007, more than 2,000 Soldiers have transitioned through there. The number of Soldiers treated at the WTB each month has dropped dramatically over the last three years from an average of 250-300 due to a number of reasons.

“Commanders have begun treating their Soldiers at the line unit instead of sending them through the WTB,” said Lt. Col. Darrin M Cox, WTB commander. “Another reason we have seen numbers decrease significantly is the lack of combat wounded arriving from the theater.”

Historically, 75 percent of Soldiers who enter the WTB return to duty. Although that number has

decreased along with the decrease in Soldiers transitioning, the TAMC WTB has initiatives on the horizon that will bring in Soldiers from the line earlier in order to maximize their time for healing.

“The earlier you get Soldiers to a unit where their treatment and healing can be the only focus they have, the earlier you get those same Soldiers back to the line and fit to fight,” said Cox. “If Soldiers are delayed in their transition, it is possible for them to injure themselves further or delay their recovery time.”

The TAMC WTB also offers adaptive reconditioning events outside of the duty day, such as paddling, archery and golf.

“We look for events that help engage a Soldier’s mind as well as physical activity,” said Cox. “Until we have a population that is more resilient behaviorally, we will refrain from more challenging types of activities.”

Learn More
For more details on the TAMC WTB, go to <https://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/wtb/>.

Raising the BARR

Tripler commander answers questions about hospital

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center serves more than 187,000 eligible service members, beneficiaries, veterans and retirees.

In a typical day at TAMC, the more than 4,000 member staff performs 1,970 clinic visits, 3,350 lab procedures, fills 1,800 prescriptions and performs 26 surgical procedures.

It has been nearly a year since Col. Andrew M. Barr took command, so we sat down with him to get an update on the progress TAMC has made.

Q: What were the hospital’s main accomplishments in the past year?
The major one for us was Joint Commission, which is the hospital’s accreditation. When I got here in July, the hospital was well underway with planning for that, which is a huge amount of work for the entire organization as we maintain accreditation.

In 20 years in the military, I have gone through three or four of these. This is by far the best one I have gone through.

The surveyors that came through kept commenting on the communication, the collaboration and the processes that we have in place to maintain high quality and safe health care. They were very laudatory in their remarks about the services we provide here, so I am very proud of that.

Q: What improvements have been made to the hospital to better patient care?
Renovations are a major improvement to our facility. We are in one of the older medical treatment facilities in the military, and the work that our maintenance crews do to maintain the building and keep it in shape to take care of patients is phenomenal.

We have numerous renovations going on in our Adult Intensive Care Unit and inpatient wards, and we recently completed renovations on our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. All of these projects and the continued support of our facilities and maintenance staff support the excellent health care TAMC provides daily.

Q: What is special about TAMC that you believe the community is not aware of?
The easy answer is that TAMC is not pink, it’s coral rose, but really, we are one of the largest employers on Oahu, so we have TAMC staff that are not in the military.

In fact, more than half of our employees are civilian employees who live and work here on the island and actually many are from Hawaii. We really are part of the community we take care of, and that’s a great part of being here at TAMC.

Q: Besides care at TAMC, what other care does TAMC provide throughout the Pacific?
What we do for the Pacific is really provide manpower and subject matter expertise, from a readiness perspective, to U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Army Pacific. We do that globally by providing, doctors, nurses and medics and other medical professionals that deploy globally to provide care to a number of locations.

From a training perspective, we provide support to key training operations throughout the Pacific.

We also support USPACOM and USARPAC through Global Health Engagements by providing subject matter experts to our partner nations, and we help build medical and military capability and capacity with our partners inside the Pacific Rim.

Q: Considering that TAMC has introduced such things as valet parking and room service, what is your next initiative to improve the patient experience?
I think the answer everyone wants to hear is WiFi throughout the hospital ... and it is coming! We have a good plan in place as we continue to look at the information technology and contracting requirements of getting it setup. We are hoping to have it in full force by summer 2018, and we are looking to begin rolling that out this fall. I think that will be a huge satisfier as we get a lot of feedback from patients regarding WiFi.

Q: What are your main focuses for the next year?
One thing that we will be working on in the near future is increasing our medical capabilities by becoming a level two trauma center. This will increase what level of care we can provide in the hospital, which means being able to treat more of our DoD beneficiaries that normally would have to be sent to another local medical facility for specialized care.

This is great for our military community, but for our local community, as well, as it is an additional asset here on Oahu that will save lives and decrease suffering. For our staff internally, it allows us to broaden our scope and allows us to practice our full scope of care, as well as providing the lifesaving skills that our doctors, nurses and support staff need to be able to practice their mission downrange when they are deployed.

TAMC has made significant strides in building high functioning, multi-disciplinary teams that allow us to maintain the high standards of patient care that we provide. We will continue to focus on safe, high-quality patient care, improving access to the care, improving patient and staff satisfaction and engagement, service to our patients and their families, and ensuring the readiness of our nation’s military forces.





Photos courtesy of Island Palm Communities
Jennifer Roth and Tony Palermo of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service share a fascinating display of endangered species and illegal animals confiscated in Hawaii.

Earth Day Festival held at Schofield

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Hundreds of families enjoyed Earth Day festivities held last week at the Kalakaua Community Center, here.

The annual Earth Day Festival is one of the largest community events coordinated by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directorates and Island Palm Communities to promote environmental sustainability.

Event-goers of all ages enjoyed dozens of hands-on activities showcasing the local Army’s conservation and preservation initiatives as well as programs taking place in the greater community.



Using a three-dimensional storm water model, Sean Cusick from the USAG-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works Clean Water Program demonstrates the types and sources of water pollution and how pollutants impact Hawaii’s aquifers, streams and ocean.